

January 31, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Supporting Comments – Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc.
Petition for Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area", CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

My name is Frances L Brand, and I am 83 years old. I have been a Puukapu resident for the past 7 years. Where I live, we do not have access to modern utilities. The only exception is modern telephone service brought to my house by Sandwich Isles Communications in 2001.

My children have always been concerned for my health and safety, and before Sandwich Isles provided service to my house, my children insisted that I use a cell phone to keep in touch. My average cell phone bill was about \$100 a month, and sometimes it would sky rocket to \$300 in one month. This option was not adequate. I would often neglect to plug it into the cigarette lighter in my truck, and be out of touch with the modern world, sometimes for days on end.

Today, I pay a basic charge of \$13.10 a month, and with the voice mail feature and required fees, I am paying a comfortable \$26.44 a month. My family & I am grateful to Sandwich Isles for bringing telephone service to my house after all these years. Please approve their waiver petition, so that they can continue helping other homesteaders.

Sincerely,



Frances L Brand
Puukapu Pastoral Lot # 151